

The "Official Organ"

The official newsletter of the Johnston Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

July 2019 edition

JARS Meeting This Thursday:

Our next monthly meeting is this coming Thursday, July, 18th at Grandson's Buffet located at 1273 North Brighleaf Blvd, Smithfield, NC 27577.

Dinner starts at 6:00pm with the meeting following at 7pm.

We will have an excellent program. This information is listed in the Vice President's comments.

Also, our nomination committee will present us with a list of candidates for next years officers.

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President's Comments:

For the past few months, we have had the program first and the meeting afterward. I have received some positive comments on doing it this way. Many of our presenters have regular jobs and families to get home to. Also, some of our meetings can get rather animated, and we don't want our presenters to get a bad image of the club. Therefore, for the remainder of my term as president, I will do the programs first.

Also, this month, our nomination committee is to present a list of candidates for officers for the next year. I would like to see some of our newer members in the leadership roles. We have many members from a wide variety of backgrounds and they may have some good ideas on how to steer the club forward. Also, at this meeting we will be taking nominations from the floor to help fill the positions.

The election will be held in August and the new officers will take up their duties at the September meeting. Following is a list of elected positions that we will vote on:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership

Net Whip

Members at large (2)

Parliamentarian

Vice President's Comments:

From your Vice-President

Scott Wilkinson KJ4TUC

Our next regular club meeting will be:

Thursday, July 18, at 6:30 pm

Grandson Buffet

1273 (North) Brightleaf Blvd.

Smithfield NC 27577

Directly in front of Wal-Mart

We usually gather between 6:00-6:30 pm for supper and our business meeting will start at 7:00 pm

Be sure to tell the cashier you are with the JARS Club.

Visitors with an interest in Ham Radio are always welcome.

Educational Program:

For our Educational Program at our next club meeting I have invited **Samantha Royster, KJ4ULR**, who represents **NC-CERT**. She will tell us what CERT is all about and answer any questions we may have. Then we can see if there is enough interest to have a class.



C.E.R.T. Community Emergency Response Team

This is a group of citizen volunteers trained to assist in the event of a disaster or other emergency situation. CERT is recognized by FEMA and Emergency Management.

From CERT web site: "CERT Basic Training is designed to prepare you to help yourself and to help others in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, you can make a difference by using your CERT training to save lives and protect property".

There is definitely a benefit of our organization (JARS) knowing and having a good working relationship with their organization (CERT). In exchange for basic training of JARS members, we can teach them the proper use of radio communications and assist their members in getting their ham license.

The classes are 3 days. It can be held over one weekend or spread out over three Saturdays. Class sizes are between 10 to 30 people.

If anyone is interested in CERT training and establishing a mutual aid working relationship between JARS and CERT, come to the next club meeting on July 18.

For more information on CERT:

Web

site: https://readync.org/EN/Involved_CERT.html

Video

1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWmO7yOKtAI>

Video

2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mrKxgrglE4>

Video

3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-SiF8cdO9k>

Video

4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWpZgEyWeCs>

Video

5: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwV3e1Xf1FO>

My personal thoughts: Some of you may think you don't need this training because you think that all you have to do is call 911 and the professional rescuers will come and save you. Not True. In a catastrophic situation government resources will be overloaded so you need to know how to help yourself and others first before the professional rescuers arrive. ... Some of you may think you are too old to set in a classroom and learn new things. Really? If you are in reasonably good health and able to do some of the physical activities, or at least observe, you are never too old to learn something new. ... Some of you may think just because you used to be a volunteer fireman or other first responder, you already know everything there is to know. NOT!. We are fortunate that in our group we have several members with experience in Fire/Rescue, Law Enforcement, hospital nurses, military, and other emergency services. As for myself, with all the training I've had, I am a little out of practice having been retired for the past 10 years, and would appreciate a refresher. A lot of the procedures have changed since September 11, 2001.

Every one of us in this club has some special talent that he/she can contribute to help others in time of need.

This training gives us the opportunity to learn how to assist CERT with their operations and help them with their communications.

I would encourage everyone to take this training because the life you save might be mine.

JARS Logo Shirts: (T-Shirts and Golf Shirts)

If anyone still wants to order a shirt, contact Paulette Disbrow KM4RMW, or come to the next club meeting. These are really nice shirts. It will identify you as a JARS member. Nice to wear at any Ham Radio event, if deployed on JARSCOM, Jars Fest, or anytime you are representing the JARS Club, or inside the JoCo Emergency Operations Center working alongside public safety dispatchers.



Magnetic car decals:

Magnetic car decals with the JARS logo will present a professional image at Ham Radio events or community events, and will identify your car as a JARS member on official business if assisting public safety or emergency management.

If you would like to place an order, contact Mike Callam KD4MC

September 26-29, 2019



Name & Call Sign Badges

Custom badges with JARS logo

http://hambadger.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=75_77



ARRL NEWS:

Thanks to our ARRL Liaison Mark Gibson for updating our club affiliation status on the ARRL Web Site. This is what people search for when looking for a club in their area.

<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/johnston-amateur-radio-society/type:club>

Upcoming Events:

Mule Days in Benson NC,

Upcoming Events:

Jars-Fest in November

Our next JARS major event will be Jars-Fest, our Ham Fest in November.

It's time to start making plans NOW, so we are not rushed at the last minute.

EMERGENCY PREPARTATION:

As we are enjoying this nice summer weather, it's easy to forget that hurricane season is just around the corner. Now is the time to get prepared. Be sure to listen to the PREP NET every Tuesday night at 9:pm on the 147.27 repeater, hosted by Doug Williams KS4TI. Doug is our resident expert on emergency preparation and the PREP NET is designed to give us tips on how to survive in all types of emergencies.

So, if you have questions on what supplies you need to stock up on, generators, food preparation and storage without electricity, and what to do when the lights go out, tune in on Tuesday nights.

For more information on Emergency Preparation: https://readync.org/EN/Plan_MakeAPlan.html



Looking Back:

Field Day 2019 was a great success. On **Saturday June 22** a bunch of Hams gathered at Li'l Billy's place and set up camp and the JARS-Com truck. From what I saw when I was there, all the radios in JARS-Com had a good workout and testing. A good time was had by all that attended. We had our regulars, we had some new people, and we had some visitors that saw an article in the newspaper and just wanted to find out what it was all about. I'm not sure how we did on the contesting, but if the ARRL gives awards for the group with the most fun and fellowship and welcoming of visitors, JARS would surely win the prize.

Secretary's Comments:

Minutes from JARS June 2019 meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by president Michael Callam-KD4MC

Open prayer was led by Michael Callam-KD4MC

Pledge of allegiance was said

Introductions were made by all members present

Our speaker this month was Sandy Wood from Johnston County Emergency Management, (video uploaded to jars.net Facebook page and YouTube under "Johnston Amateur Radio Society")>

President: Mike stated that according to our constitution and bylaws we needed to form a nomination committee to select officer/board candidates for 2019-2020. This list will be presented at our July meeting and voted upon at our August meeting.

Nomination committee consist of: Ryan Leather-N4RL, Stephen Fowler-KJ4QNW, Stan Disbrow-WA2KQY and Lannie Godwin-KK4QEF.

Vice President: Scott said that everything that he had was in the newsletter.

Secretary Report: No minutes from last month as that was supposed to be our Presidential Picnic. JARS received a thank you card from Kay Rich for our support and donation at Tommy's passing.

Treasurer Report: Paul was not present

Repeater Report: no new updates on the repeater

Membership Report: Dianne had no new applications to present

Net Whip Report: All the nets are being called. Stephen is still looking for someone to call either Monday or Thursday as well as Saturday nets.

Media/Newsletter: Mike is going to post the presentation from this meeting to the JARS Facebook page, (jars.net) as well as YouTube under Johnston Amateur Radio Society).

Field Day: Field day is this weekend at Billy Newton's home at 239 Mann Rd, Coats, NC 27521.

Scott-KJ4TUC, said that he really enjoyed the pickin', grinnin' and singing. So, bring your instruments and voices.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: Mark Gibson-N4MQU, has been appointed at our ARRL Liaison, He will update the ARRL on any JARS events and keep our club affiliation current.

LOM Award: Peggy-KJ4OPH awarded the LOM to Stan-WA2KQY.

can get a little animated and we do not need to air our dirty laundry in front of strangers.

Meeting was adjourned by Michael Callam-KD4MC

Vice President Comments: Scott has scheduled Samantha Royster, from NC CERT to present a program on CERT, (Community Emergency Response Team) at our regular meeting this month. Scott also said that it would be a good idea when we do introductions, that we state our name, call sign, what town you live or closest to, also let us know if you have ever, or currently involved in Emergency Services or Public Safety.

Submitted by: Velda Callam-K4VJC,
Secretary

Also, Ham Badgers, wants us to recognize them at the "Official Makers" of JARS name badges. This will be beneficial to both them and the JARS. They will put a link on their web site to JARS website and we could put one on our web site linking to theirs.

Johnston Amateur Radio Society board meeting 07/11/2019

Present:

Mike Callam	KD4MC	
President		
Scott Wilkinson	KJ4TUC	Vice
President		
Velda Callam	K4VJC	
Secretary		
Dianne Young	KE4VNX	
Membership		
Stephen Fowler	KJ4QNW	Net
Whip		

This would make them the "official" makers of our club badges, but not the exclusive makers. That means that our members will still have the option of having badges made from other sources.

Meeting called to order at 7pm by president, Mike Callam, KD4MC.

Scott made the motion to accept this proposal from Ham Badgers. It was seconded by the board to be brought before the general membership to vote on at our regular meeting.

President Comments: Mike has decided that at our monthly meetings, to let the program be first. Reasons for this are, it gets the presenter out early, since many of them have regular jobs and this allows them to get home and prepare for the next day. Also, sometimes our meetings

Secretary Comments: Velda said that the minutes from the last meeting were in the newsletter.

Membership: Dianne said that so far, she has one application for membership.

Net Whip: Stephen is looking for net control operators for Tuesday and Saturday.

Meeting was adjourned at 734pm by President Mike Callam KD4MC

Submitted by Velda Callam, K4VJC, Secretary

Membership:

At this time, Dianne has one application for membership to present at the meeting.

Net Whip:

Stephen is in need of a regular net controller for Tuesday and Saturday nets. It is a great service to the club and a great way to get to know the people that check into the nets

Life on the Farm:

This past month, it has either been hotter than a pizza makers oven or raining like a cow peeing on a flat rock. Every time I plan on getting up early and cutting the grass, it falls a flood the evening before and the grass is too wet. If the humidity ever drops to a comfortable level, I plan to clean out my two out buildings. I will turn one into a workshop and the other into general storage. Of course, that means a couple of trips to the dump site up the road. The one that I want to make a workshop already has two work benches and a window ac unit.

Velda has been trying, unsuccessfully, to keep me straight. But as everyone knows, that is an impossible task. The good thing for me is that I have hidden her #16 cast iron skillet. That means that my head is safe until she does find it. I do have a couple of construction hard hats that I can dig out when she finds it though.

I got a boat last year, ok it's a one-person kayak, I might try this week to take it to a local lake and see if I can operate it without drowning myself. I do have a life jacket and a bit floppy had to go with it.

That does it for "Life on the Farm" for this month.

73 from Mike, (KD4MC), aka C3PO, Velda, (K4VJC), Mouse, Remington, (Hairy Hound), Tabitha (Krazy Kat), Midnight (Tom Kitty) and Sandy (Dog and a half long, half a dog high and two dogs hyper) and Fluff, (Little Ball of Fur).

Ham Humor:



ARRL News:

I have not received a newsletter from the ARRL since last month. Therefore, this section is blank. I don't know what is going on with the ARRL or how they expect to keep us up to date without a newsletter.

Johnston County ARRL VE Team:



The Johnston County ARRL VE Team will hold its next amateur radio license exam on Monday, June 24th at 7pm at the American Red Cross, located at 805-A S. 3rd Street in Smithfield. If you would like to register for the exam, contact Michael Callam, KD4MC at mcallam@centurylink.net. The cost is \$15.00. You will need a valid photo ID. If you already have an FRN, be sure to bring that with you. If you don't have an FRN, go to: <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/systems-utilities/universal-licensing-system> and click on new user registration. If you are currently licensed or have been licensed, bring a copy of your license with you.



That does it for this month's "Official Organ".

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting Thursday.

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JARS Officers

President	Mike	KD4MC
Vice Pres	Scott	KJ4TUC
Secretary	Velda	K4VJC
Treasurer	Paul	KD4BJD
Membership	Dianne	KE4VNX
Net Whip	Stephen	KJ4QNW
Media/Organ	Mike	KD4MC

Parliamentarian Ryan Leathers
N4RL

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